17. At present the Fisheries of the State are under the immediate administrative control and direct supervision of the Director of Agriculture. But in view of the immense possibilities for the development of fisheries under closer supervision and control, it is considered necessary that the Fisheries Branch of the department should be placed under the immediate supervision of a technically qualified officer, the Director of Agriculture continuing however, to exercising general supervision. For this and for the installation, as an experimental measure, of a cold storage plant at Trivandrum for the preservation of fish, a provision of over Rs 12,000 has been included in the budget for the next year.

18. *Industries* budget includes provision for the opening of new sub-agencies at Calcutta, Poona, Karachi and Ahmedabad, as also for the continuance of the Trade Agent and the Sales Depot at Bombay. A provision of Rs 90,000 has also been made for the working expenses of the Government Rubber Factory. A receipt of Rs 50,000 is also expected from the sale of the manufactured articles.

19. *Medical.*—There is at present no Specialists' cadre in the Medical Department of the State, though the department is not wanting in Specialists in one branch or other of the Medical Science. These specially qualified officers have now to take rank along with those in the general cadre. It is, however, considered that the working of the department could be made more efficient if the Specialists are detached from the general cadre and placed in a separate self-contained special cadre created for them. An allotment of Rs 4,050 has therefore been included in the next year's budget for the necessary readjustments in connection with the creation of the Specialists' cadre of Medical Officers. The opening of a Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the State has been under consideration for some time past. But, as the scheme is costly, it may take some time to materialise. Meanwhile in view of the increasing number of tuberculosis patients in the State, it is proposed to open a tuberculosis hospital in the first instance at Nagercoil and a sum of Rs 12,000 is provided in the budget for the acquisition of the necessary lands. Two additional wards and a subsidiary operation theatre have recently been added on to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, to provide for the considerable increase in the number of inpatients in that institution. A small additional staff is also to be appointed to cope with the consequent increase of work.

20. *Co-operative department.*—The various reforms suggested by the Co-operative Enquiry Committee for the better working of the department will receive the attention of Government after the Committee's Report has been discussed by the two Houses of

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